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In re the Application of:)
Richard Boyd) **Group Art Unit: N/A**
Serial No.: 60/309,808) **Examiner: N/A**
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For: Diagnostic Indicator of Thymic)
Function)

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Sir:

Applicant has petitioned the USPTO to convert the patent application identified above from a provisional application to a utility application. Upon approval of this petition, please amend the patent application to include the following statement of priority:

This application is a continuation-in-part of US Serial No. 09/755,965, US Serial No. 09/755,646, US Serial No. 09/755,983, all three of which were filed on January 5, 2001, and US Serial No. 09/758,910, filed on January 10, 2001, all four of which are continuations-in-part

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of US Serial No. 09/795,286, US Serial No. 09/795,286 and Australian patent application PR0745, all three of which were filed on October 13, 2000, and of PCT/AU00/00329, filed April 17, 2000, designating the United States, which is an international filing of Australian patent application PP9778, filed April 15, 1999, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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